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**TITLE 54. PROFESSIONS, VOCATIONS, AND BUSINESSES**  
**CHAPTER 26. PLUMBING AND PLUMBERS**

**§ 54-2601. Declaration of policy and purpose of act**

The purpose of this act is to provide certain minimum standards and requirements for the use of and the design, construction, installation, improvement, extension and alteration of materials, piping, venting, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in relation to plumbing and plumbing systems hereinafter defined, and to provide that all plumbing and plumbing systems shall be designed, constructed, installed, improved, extended and altered in substantial accord with the Uniform Plumbing Code published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and as it shall be amended, revised, compiled and published from time to time and as such amendments or revisions shall be adopted by the Idaho plumbing board; provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply, except as hereinafter provided, to cities if such cities have or enact ordinances or codes prescribing the equal minimum standards and requirements including the enforcement thereof as provided by this act.

**§ 54-2602. Exceptions**

- (1) Certificate of competency requirements of this chapter shall not be deemed to apply to:
  - (a) Any person who does plumbing work in a single or duplex family dwelling, including accessory buildings, quarters and grounds in connection with such dwelling; provided that such person owns or is a contract purchaser of the premises, and provided further that such person shall comply with the minimum standards and rules applicable to plumbing practices provided by this chapter.
  - (b) Farm buildings located outside the incorporated limits of any city unless such buildings are connected to a public water or sewer system; and a farm building is hereby defined to be a structure located on agricultural zoned property and designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products and includes sheds, barns, corrals, or fences. This definition does not include a place for human habitation or a place of regular employment where agricultural products are extracted, processed, treated, or packaged; a place used by the public; or conditioned livestock housing.
  - (c) Logging, mining or construction camps when plumbing installations are made to conform with the recommendations of the department of health and welfare.
  - (d) Piping systems in industrial processing plants located outside the incorporated limits of any city unless such systems are connected to a public water or sewer system.
  - (e) Work on plumbing systems on premises owned or operated by an employer who regularly employs maintenance or construction plumbers, provided that alterations, extensions and new construction shall comply with the minimum standards and rules applicable to plumbing practices provided by this chapter.
  - (f) Nothing contained in this section or any other provision of this code shall be construed or applied to require a sewer contractor, sewage disposal contractor, or any excavating or utility contractor who generally engages in the business of installing, altering or repairing sewers, private and public sewage disposal systems, and water distribution and/or drainage lines outside the foundation walls of any building or structure, to obtain a valid contractor's certificate of competency or to employ only journeymen plumbers possessing a valid journeyman plumber's certificate of competency or registration, or to in any way require that his employees be registered, licensed or declared competent by the board.
  - (g) Water treatment installations and repairs when installed in residential or business properties, provided the same when installed, repaired or completed, shall be inspected by a designated, qualified and properly identified agent of the division of building safety as to quality of workmanship and compliance with the applicable provisions of this chapter.
  - (h) Plumbing work within modular buildings as defined in section 39-4301, Idaho Code, that are constructed in the state of Idaho for installation on building sites outside the state; provided however, that no modular building shall be installed on a building site in the state of Idaho until it has been approved and bears the insignia of approval of the division as being in compliance with the requirements set forth in section 39-4304, Idaho Code.

(i) Individuals licensed pursuant to chapter 10, title 54, Idaho Code, or chapter 50, title 54, Idaho Code, as follows:

(i) Individuals holding a current HVAC or electrical license may install electrical circuitry from the disconnecting means to a water heater and electrical connections to the water heater as long as the disconnect is in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the water heater is no more than fifty (50) feet long.

(ii) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install gas piping and piping for hydronic systems.

(iii) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install boilers that are not otherwise subject to inspection by the industrial commission or its authorized agent.

(2) To the extent that an electrical or HVAC installation permit issued by the Idaho division of building safety includes any part of a plumbing installation, the permit issued and inspection performed shall be sufficient to satisfy the permitting and inspecting requirements of this chapter if all required permit fees have been paid.

(3) Any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation making water treatment installations and/or repairs in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall maintain a surety bond in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$ 2,000).

#### **§ 54-2603. Plumbing**

Plumbing means and includes the business, trade practice or work, materials and fixtures used in the design, construction, installation, improvement, extension and alteration of all piping, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in connection with any plumbing system.

#### **§ 54-2604. Plumbing systems**

- (1) A plumbing system, public or private, means and includes:
- (a) plumbing fixtures, interconnecting system pipes and traps;
  - (b) soil, waste and vent pipes;
  - (c) building drains and building sewers;
  - (d) sanitary and storm water drainage facilities;
  - (e) liquid waste and sewerage facilities;
  - (f) water supply systems and distribution and disposal pipes of any premises;
  - (g) water treating and water using equipment attached to a plumbing system except for water conditioning equipment; and
  - (h) all the respective connections, devices and appurtenances of any plumbing system, public or private, within or adjacent to any building, residence, manufactured housing, or structure to and including a connection with any point of a public or private supply, distribution or disposal system or other acceptable terminal.

(2) As used in this section, "water conditioning equipment" shall mean those devices necessary to remove impurities and sediment from water.

(3) A plumbing system does not include a single service integrated fire sprinkler system as defined in section 41-254, Idaho Code.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation to do, or cause to be done, whether acting as a principal, agent, or employee, any construction, installation, improvement, extension or alteration of any plumbing system or water conditioning equipment in any residence, building, or structure, or service lines thereto, in the state of Idaho, without complying with the bonding provisions as provided by section 54-2602, Idaho Code.

#### **§ 54-2605. Idaho plumbing board**

(1) The Idaho plumbing board, referred to as the board, is hereby created and made a part of the division of building safety. It shall be the responsibility and duty of the administrator of the division of building safety to administer and enforce the provisions of this act; and the board shall make, promulgate and publish such rules as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act in order to effectuate the purposes thereof and for the orderly and efficient ad-

ministration thereof, and except as may be limited or prohibited by law and the provisions of this act, such rules so made and promulgated shall have the force of statute.

(2) The board shall consist of five (5) members. The members shall be appointed at large by the governor, with power of removal for cause. Members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Whenever a vacancy occurs the governor shall forthwith appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.

(3) All members of the board shall be United States citizens, residents of this state for not less than two (2) years, and qualified by knowledge, integrity and experience to properly execute the functions of the board. Two (2) members shall be qualified persons representing the public at large; one (1) member shall be an active plumbing contractor with not less than five (5) years experience in the plumbing contracting business; one (1) member shall be an active plumbing contractor with not less than five (5) years in the plumbing contracting business with an additional background of experience in gas piping installations in buildings; and one (1) member shall be a journeyman plumber. All members of the board shall take, subscribe and file with the secretary of state an oath of office in the form, manner and time prescribed by chapter 4, title 59, Idaho Code.

(4) The board shall meet within thirty (30) days after the appointment of all its members and thereafter at such other times as may be expedient and necessary for the proper performance of its duties. At the board's first meeting, the members shall elect one (1) of their number to be chairman. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and not less than two (2) quorum meetings shall be held each year. The board may delegate to any member, or its chairman or other employees, the power to make investigations and hold hearings at any place it may deem proper, and to report findings to it; and may delegate to its chairman and employees the performance of ministerial functions.

(5) Each member of the board shall be compensated as provided by section 59-509(h), Idaho Code.

#### **§ 54-2606. Powers and duties of the Idaho plumbing board**

(1) The board shall have the general administration and supervision of the design, construction, installation, improvement, extension and alteration of plumbing and plumbing systems, except that which has been heretofore and hereinafter exempted from the jurisdiction of this board, in connection with all buildings, residences and structures in this state including buildings, residences and structures owned by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

(2) The division of building safety shall enforce the minimum standards and requirements therefor as provided by this chapter.

(3) The board may exercise such powers and duties as are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and it may among other things:

(a) Establish the fees to be charged for permits and inspections of plumbing systems.

(b) Hold public meetings and attend or be represented at such meetings, within or without the state, prepare and publish rules pertaining to this chapter, and such other information as may be necessary, and furnish copies thereof to those engaged in the business, trade, practice or work of plumbing and pipefitting and to the public upon request.

(c) Furnish standards and procedures and prescribe reasonable rules for examinations, qualification and certification of plumbing contractors and journeymen and apprentice plumbers not herein prescribed, including the furnishing of a compliance bond in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$ 2,000) for the contractor classification or evidence of such coverage by a corporate industry group bond acceptable to the board.

(d) Furnish standards and procedures and prescribe reasonable rules to provide for the certification of specialty contractors, specialty journeymen, and specialty apprentices, including the furnishing of a compliance bond in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$ 2,000) for the specialty contractor classification or evidence of coverage by a corporate industry group bond acceptable to the board.

(e) Establish by administrative rule civil penalties not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$ 1,000) for each count or separate offense, to be paid for violations of this chapter and rules of the Idaho plumbing board; and to establish by administrative rule the process by which appeals from the imposition of civil penalties may be heard. The board is authorized to affirm, reject, decrease or increase the penalty imposed; however, the board shall not increase any penalty imposed to an amount exceeding one thousand dollars (\$ 1,000) for each individual count or separate offense.

**§ 54-2607. Administrator of the division of building safety -- Powers and duties**

(1) The administrator shall exercise such powers and duties as are reasonably necessary to enforce the minimum standards provided in this chapter, and he may among other things:

(a) Prescribe and establish procedures to effectuate the efficient enforcement of this chapter not herein prescribed.

(b) Serve as secretary to the Idaho plumbing board.

(c) Appoint licensed staff inspectors who shall be authorized to enter and inspect by and through a properly identified person, at reasonable hours, plumbing and plumbing systems.

(d) Make plumbing inspections for another state or local jurisdiction upon request by an appropriate building official. Such inspections shall be made in accordance with the applicable plumbing codes of the requesting jurisdiction. Fees charged for such inspection services shall be as provided in the rules promulgated by the board.

(e) Summon witnesses to appear and testify before him on any matter within the provisions of this chapter. No person shall be required to testify outside the county wherein he resides or where his principal place of business is located. Such summons to testify shall be issued and served in like manner as a subpoena to witness issued from the district court, or in other manner consistent with the procedure of the division of building safety. In case any witness shall fail or refuse to appear and testify upon being summoned as herein provided, the clerk of the district court of the county shall upon demand by the administrator or his designated agent, issue a subpoena reciting the demand therefor and summoning the witness to appear and testify at a time and place fixed. Violation of such subpoena or disobedience thereto shall be deemed and punished as a violation of any other subpoena issued from the district court.

(f) Administer oaths and take affirmations of witnesses appearing before him; and have the power to appoint competent persons to issue subpoenas, administer oaths and take testimony.

(g) Impose civil penalties as provided in this chapter and the rules of the Idaho plumbing board.

(h) In addition to any other penalties specified in this chapter, whenever any person violates the provisions of this chapter and the rules of the Idaho plumbing board, the administrator may maintain an action in the name of the state of Idaho to enjoin that person from any further violations. Such action may be brought either in the county in which the acts are claimed to have been or are being committed, or in the county where the defendant resides, or in Ada county.

(i) Upon the filing of a certified complaint in the district court, the court, if satisfied that the acts complained of have been, or probably are being, or may be committed, may issue a temporary restraining order, or a preliminary injunction, or both, without bond, enjoining the defendant from the commission of any such act or acts constituting the violation.

(ii) A copy of the complaint shall be served upon the defendant and the proceedings shall thereafter be conducted as in other similar civil actions.

(iii) If the commission of the act or acts is established, the court shall enter a decree permanently enjoining the defendant from committing such act or acts. If an injunction issued under the provisions of this section is violated, the court, or the judge thereof at chambers, may summarily try and punish the offender for contempt of court.

(2) It shall be the duty of the administrator to give notice to cities which supply sewer service to areas outside their city limits and who have requested in writing such notice from the administrator of all permits issued relative to sewer installations. The notice shall be given within ten (10) days from the date the permit was requested for such installation. The notice shall contain a map of the physical location of the installation and reference to the date of inspection if the city so requests.



**54-2608. Revocation of certificates of competency -- Suspension -- Refusal to renew**

The administrator of the division of building safety shall have on the recommendation of the board the power to revoke, suspend or refuse to issue a renewal of any certificate of competency if the same was obtained through error or fraud, or if the holder thereof is shown to be grossly incompetent or has a second time violated any of the rules prescribed by the board, or as prescribed by this act. Before the administrator shall refuse to grant a renewal of said certificate to any applicant or shall revoke or suspend any certificate previously granted, he shall hold a hearing giving such applicant or holder of said certificate fifteen (15) days written notice of his intended action by registered mail directed to the applicant or holder at the address given on said certificate or in the application for said certificate, stating generally the basis for his intended action; and the applicant or holder of said certificate shall have the opportunity to produce testimony in his own behalf at a time and place specified in said notice. The proceedings shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code. If the administrator, after the hearing, shall refuse to grant a renewal of said certificate or shall suspend or revoke any certificate previously granted, said applicant or holder of a certificate may seek judicial review of the administrator's final order in accordance with the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code. Any person whose certificate has been revoked may, after the expiration of one (1) year from the date of revocation, but not before, apply for a new certificate of competency.

**§ 54-2609. Character of examination -- Certification**

The board shall determine the character and extent of the examination based upon the standards and requirements prescribed by this act, and upon certifications of examination results by the board, the director shall issue certificates of competency to the successful applicants.

**§ 54-2610. Certificate a prerequisite**

It shall be unlawful for any person or firm, copartnership, association or corporation, to engage in the business, trade, practice or work of plumbing in this state after the adoption of this chapter, unless such person, or responsible person representing such firm, copartnership, association or corporation, has successfully passed an examination as provided herein and has issued to him a state certificate of competency, which shall not be transferable, and said certificates of competency shall not be required for sewer contractors, sewage disposal contractors, or any excavating or utility contractors, or for their employees, as set forth and defined in section 54-2602(1)(f), Idaho Code.

**§ 54-2611. Classification of competency**

There shall be three (3) classifications of competency in the business, trade, practice or work of plumbing and three (3) classifications of competency in the business, trade, practice or work of specialty plumbing, as follows:

(a) A plumbing contractor shall be any person, or a member, representative or agent of a firm, copartnership, association, or corporation skilled in the planning and supervision of the construction, installation, improvement, extension and alteration of plumbing systems, and who is familiar with the provisions of this act and the rules made by the Idaho plumbing board, and who is competent to offer and to assume to work on a contract basis and to direct the work of qualified employees. A contractor who in person does plumbing work shall also be qualified as a journeyman plumber, or have in his employ on all work a qualified journeyman.

(b) A plumbing journeyman shall be any person, who as his principal occupation, is engaged in the installation, improvement, extension and alteration of plumbing systems, and who is familiar with the provisions of this act and who works in the employ and under the direction of a plumbing contractor.

(c) A plumbing apprentice shall be any person, who as his principal occupation is engaged in learning and assisting in installation, improvement, extension and alteration of plumbing systems. Apprentices shall not perform plumbing work except under the supervision of a journeyman.

(d) A specialty contractor shall be any person, or a member, representative or agent of a firm, copartnership, association, or corporation skilled in the specialty classification for which he is certified and who is familiar with the provisions of this act and rules made by the Idaho plumbing board, and who is competent to offer and to assume work on a contract basis and to direct the work of qualified employees. A specialty contractor who in person does specialty work shall

also be qualified as a specialty journeyman, or have in his employ on all work a specialty journeyman.

(e) A specialty journeyman shall be any person who is engaged in the specialty classification for which he is certified and who is familiar with the provisions of this act and who works in the employ and under the direction of a plumbing or specialty contractor.

(f) A specialty apprentice shall be any person who is engaged in learning and assisting in the specialty classification for which he is registered. Specialty apprentices shall not perform specialty work except under supervision of a specialty journeyman.

#### **§ 54-2612. Examinations -- Time and place -- Notification**

Times and places for examinations shall be determined by the board and all applicants shall be notified thereof.

#### **§ 54-2613. Application for examination**

All applications for examination shall be filed with the board on the form provided. When any person, or persons, is designated and authorized to be or act as an agent for the applicant, such authorization shall be in writing, signed by the applicant and the person designated, a certified copy of which shall be filed with the board. All applications shall expire and be cancelled after a period of one year if the applicant fails to appear for examination within such period.

#### **§ 54-2614. Application and registration fees**

All applicants shall pay to the board at the time of application for examination, a fee in accordance with the following:

Application for Plumbing Contractor	\$22.50
Application for Plumbing Journeyman.	\$22.50
Application for Specialty Contractor.	\$22.50
Application for Specialty Journeyman.	\$22.50

Apprentices and specialty apprentices shall not be required to be examined for competency, but shall register with the board and maintain such registration yearly. The registration fee for apprentices and specialty apprentices shall be five dollars (\$ 5.00) initial and five dollars (\$ 5.00) per year renewal. The board may contract with a professional testing service to administer any licensing examination and any contracted professional testing service shall be responsible to establish and collect the examination fee. Any person who fails to pass the examination may apply for reexamination

at the next scheduled examination upon payment of the examination fee. Should any person fail to pass the examination the second time, the board may refuse to allow a subsequent examination until the expiration of one (1) year.

#### **§ 54-2614A. Apprentice and specialty apprentice registration and renewal**

Registration for an apprentice or a specialty apprentice shall expire twelve (12) months from the date of issue unless renewed. An apprentice registration or specialty apprentice registration may be renewed at any time during the month prior to its expiration. Failure of any apprentice to timely renew a registration shall cause a lapse of the registration, but it may be revived within one (1) year upon payment of the renewal fee.

#### **§ 54-2615. Certificate of competency**

Upon the applicant's successful completion of an examination, as certified by the board, he shall be issued a certificate of competency in the form of a card, providing thereon the holder's name, classification for which the applicant was examined, year current, space for the holder's signature, the certificate number, and the signature of the administrator of the division of building safety.

**§ 54-2616. Fees for certificates -- Prorating**

(1) Before a certificate is issued, and for the renewal thereof, the successful applicant shall pay to the division of building safety a fee in accordance with the following schedule:

	Initial Fee	Renewal
Plumbing Contractor	\$75.00	\$36.00
Plumbing Journeyman	\$15.00	\$7.20
Specialty Contractor	\$75.00	\$36.00
Specialty Journeyman	\$15.00	\$7.20

(2) The administrator of the division of building safety shall have the authority to prorate and assess the initial certificate fees as follows: the amount of the initial fee, plus the product of one-twelfth (1/12) of the amount of the renewal fee for that particular category of certificate multiplied by the number of months in excess of twelve (12) for which the certificate is issued. No certificate shall be issued for less than twelve (12) months.

(3) The administrator of the division of building safety shall have the authority to prorate and assess the renewal fees as follows: the number of months the certificate will be in effect, multiplied by one-twelfth (1/12) of the renewal fee for that particular category of certificate. No renewal shall be issued for less than twelve (12) months.

**§ 54-2617. Certificate expiration -- Renewal -- Rules for staggered schedule**

(1) Certificates of competency shall be issued for a period of three (3) years, and shall expire three (3) years from the date of issue, unless sooner revoked or suspended.

(2) A certificate of competency may be renewed at any time during the month prior to its expiration. Failure of any holder to timely renew a certificate of competency shall cause lapse of the certificate, but it may be revived within one (1) year without examination only upon payment of the full initial fee.

(3) The board shall promulgate rules to provide for a staggered schedule of issuing and renewing certificates of competency.

**§ 54-2618. Certificate to be displayed and certificates of competency and registration carried or in vicinity of work site**

All holders of valid certificates in the contractor and specialty contractor classifications shall display a sign or card, upon a form prescribed and furnished by the division of building safety, for public view in their place of business. All journeymen and specialty journeymen shall have their certificate of competency on their persons or in the immediate vicinity of the work site during working hours. Apprentices and specialty apprentices shall have evidence of registration on their persons or in the immediate vicinity of the work site during working hours.

**§ 54-2619. Municipal fees for permits, inspections -- Exceptions**

No provision of this act shall deprive incorporated cities, including those specially chartered, from collections of fees from permits and inspections. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 50-304, 50-306 and 50-606, Idaho Code, no cities, including those specially chartered, shall require occupational license fees from plumbing contractors and journeymen who possess a valid certificate of competency issued by the administrator of the division of building safety, except those cities that have qualified plumbing inspectors.

**§ 54-2620. Permits required -- Exceptions**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation to do, or cause or permit to be done, after the adoption of this act, whether acting as principal, agent or employee, any construction, installation, improvement, extension or alteration of any plumbing system in any building, residence or structure, or service lines thereto, in the state of Idaho, without first procuring a permit from the division of building safety authorizing such work to be done, except:

(1) Within the boundaries of incorporated cities, including those specially chartered, where such work is regulated and enforced by an ordinance or code equivalent to this chapter;

(2) Within such additional area within five (5) miles of the city limits over which such city has elected to exercise jurisdiction relative to building drains and building sewers pursuant to section 50-606, Idaho Code, on buildings, residences and structures being converted from an on-site sewage disposal system to a sewage disposal system supplied by the city, where such work is regulated and enforced by an ordinance or code equivalent to this chapter. Cities shall provide the division of building safety written notice of the area over which such jurisdiction will be exercised. No city may exercise such jurisdiction within the limits of another city unless both cities have agreed by ordinance to allow such jurisdiction. For purposes of this chapter building drain and building sewer will be defined according to the definition found in the uniform plumbing code or as adopted by the board, pursuant to section 54-2601, Idaho Code.

Permits shall be issued only to a person, or to a firm, copartnership, association or corporation represented by a person holding a valid certificate of competency, or to a person who does his own work in a family dwelling as defined in section 54-2602(1)(a), Idaho Code, except that permits shall not be required for plumbing work as defined in section 54-2602(1)(b), (1)(c) and (1)(d), Idaho Code.

Provided, a licensed plumber is hereby authorized, after making application for permit and pending receipt of permit, to proceed and complete improvements or alterations to plumbing systems, when the cost of said improvement or alteration does not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$ 500). Inspection of such work shall be the responsibility of the permit holder pending an official inspection, which shall be made within sixty (60) days after notification of inspection.

#### **§ 54-2621. Work not requiring permits**

A permit shall not be required for the clearing of stoppages or repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, fixtures, appliances or appurtenances of any plumbing system when such work does not involve or require any functional rearrangement of pipes, valves or fixtures comprising the plumbing system.

#### **§ 54-2622. Permits -- Application -- Requirements**

Any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation entitled to receive a permit, shall make application to the board on the form provided. A description of the work proposed to be done, location, ownership, occupancy and use of the premises shall be given. The board may require plans and specifications and such other information as may be deemed necessary and pertinent before granting a permit. When it has been determined that the information furnished by the applicant is in compliance with this act, the permit shall be issued upon payment of the fees as hereinafter fixed.

#### **§ 54-2622A. Inspections of modular buildings -- When authorized -- Approval and certification**

Notwithstanding the exception provided in subsection (1)(h) of section 54-2602, Idaho Code, the administrator of the division of building safety may make plumbing inspections of any modular building upon written request from the manufacturer.

(1) Inspections shall be made in accordance with the codes adopted in this chapter.

(2) Inspection fees shall be as provided in section 39-4303, Idaho Code.

(3) The administrator may issue inspection tags for inspections if the buildings are in compliance with the codes adopted in this chapter.

**§ 54-2623. Fee -- Permit -- Inspection**

The applicant shall pay to the department at the time of application, a permit fee for each permit issued and an inspection fee in accordance with the schedule fixed by the Idaho plumbing board, which schedule shall not require inspection fees in amounts to exceed the expense of providing inspection.

**§ 54-2624. Inspection by agent -- Tests**

All pipes, fittings, valves, vents, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances shall be inspected by a designated, qualified and properly identified agent of the division of building safety to insure compliance with provisions of this act. In order to make inspections uniform and complete, the board shall make, promulgate and publish such rules as are necessary to insure that any plumbing system has been designed, constructed, installed, improved, extended or altered in accordance with the provisions of this act and in accordance with the rules made, promulgated and published by the Idaho plumbing board.

**§ 54-2625. Approval and certification of inspection**

The inspector shall either approve that portion of the work completed at the time of inspection or shall notify the permit holder wherein the same fails to comply with this act and the rules and regulations of the Idaho plumbing board, and when final inspection has been made and the work approved, the inspector shall certify to the owner or permit holder or agency serving the premises by attaching securely an inspector's tag at the approximate service entrance that inspection has been made and found satisfactory as required by this act and ready for service.

**§ 54-2626. Notification for inspection -- Fee for reinspection**

It shall be the duty of the permit holder to notify the nearest representative of the division of building safety at least twelve (12) hours prior to the time of inspection, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, that he will be ready for inspection at a stipulated time. When reinspection is required after the final inspection because of failure to meet requirements of this act, it shall be made at a flat charge not to exceed the cost of reinspection.

**§ 54-2627. Appointment of inspectors -- Qualifications -- Unlawful practices**

The administrator of the division of building safety shall appoint such number of inspectors as may be required for the effective enforcement of this act. All inspectors shall be skilled in plumbing installations with not less than five (5) years actual experience, shall possess certificates of competency prior to appointment, and shall be fully familiar with the provisions of this act and rules made by both the administrator and the Idaho plumbing board. No inspector employed by the division of building safety and assigned to the enforcement of this act shall be engaged or financially interested in a plumbing business, trade, practice or work, or the sale of any supplies connected therewith, nor shall he act as an agent, directly or indirectly, for any person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation so engaged. Inspectors employed by municipalities electing to claim exemption under this act must possess the qualifications set forth in this section.

**§ 54-2628. Violation -- Misdemeanor**

Any person, or a firm, copartnership, association or corporation by and through a member, representative or agent, who shall engage in the business, trade, practice or work of plumbing without a certificate of competency or without registration, or perform work without a permit as provided by this act, or who shall violate any provision of this act or the rules made by both the administrator of the division of building safety and the Idaho plumbing board herein provided for, or who shall refuse to perform any duty lawfully enjoined upon him by the administrator within the prescribed time, or who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to obey any lawful order given or made by the administrator shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$ 10.00) or more than three hundred dollars (\$ 300), or to imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both. Each such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

**§ 54-2629. Attorney general -- Prosecuting attorneys**

It shall be the right and duty of the attorney general or the prosecuting attorneys of the various counties to represent and appear for the people of the state of Idaho and the administrator of the division of building safety in all actions and proceedings involving any question under this act or under any order or act of the administrator and perform such other services as required.

**§ 54-2630. Plumbing board fund created**

All money received by the board or the division of building safety, under the terms and provisions of this act, shall be paid into the state treasury monthly, and shall be, by the state treasurer, placed to the credit of the Idaho plumbing board fund, which is hereby created as a dedicated fund. All such moneys, hereafter placed in said fund, are hereby set aside and perpetually appropriated to the division of building safety to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

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**07.02.02 - RULES GOVERNING PLUMBING PERMITS**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

In accordance with Section 54-2605(1), Idaho Code, the Idaho Plumbing Board shall make, promulgate, and publish such rules as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act in order to effectuate the purposes thereof and for the orderly and efficient administration thereof, and except as may be limited or prohibited by law and the provisions of this act, such rules so made and promulgated shall have the force of statute. (2-26-93)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 07.02.02, "Rules Governing Plumbing Permits," Division of Building Safety. (2-26-93)

**02. Scope.** These rules prescribe the criteria for plumbing permits issued under the provisions of Chapter 26, Title 54, Idaho Code. (2-26-93)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

This agency has no written interpretations of this chapter. (2-26-93)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

This chapter does not provide for administrative relief of the provisions contained herein. (2-26-93)

**004. -- 009. (RESERVED).**

**010. DEFINITIONS.**

**01. Division.** The Division of Building Safety of the state of Idaho. (1-22-82)

**02. Fixture.** Any water using or waste producing unit attached to the plumbing system, and shall include sewers, water treatment equipment, solar systems, sprinkler systems, hot tubs and spas. (1-22-82)

**03. Board.** The Idaho State Plumbing Board, created under the provisions of Section 54-2605, Idaho Code. (11-14-85)

**011. PERMITS.**

**01. Serial Number.** Each permit shall bear a serial number. (6-4-76)

**02. Plumbing Contractors.** Permits shall be furnished by the Division to licensed plumbing contractors upon request. The serial numbers of such permits shall be registered in the name of the plumbing contractor to whom they are issued and they shall not be transferable. (6-4-76)

**03. Home Owners, Commercial, Industrial, and Others.** Home owners making plumbing installations on their own premises, coming under the provisions of Section 54-2602, Idaho Code, shall secure a plumbing permit by making application to the Division as provided by Section 54-2620, Idaho Code. Application forms for commercial and industrial plumbing installations shall be printed by the Division and made available at the office of the Division in Boise. The application form shall be properly completed, signed by the contractor and mailed to the Division, Boise, Idaho, together with a verified copy of bid acceptance and the proper permit fee as hereinafter provided. Persons, companies, firms, associations, or corporations making plumbing installations, other than on their own property, must be licensed as a contractor by the state of Idaho as provided by Section 54-2610, Idaho Code. (11-14-85)

**04. Expiration of Permit.** Every permit issued by the administrative authority under the provisions of

the Code shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of issuance of such permit, or if work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after work is commenced for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days. Before such work can be recommenced, a new permit shall first be obtained, and the fee shall be one-half (1/2) the amount required for a new permit for such work; provided, no changes have been made, or will be made in the original plans and specifications for such work; and provided further, that such suspension or abandonment has not exceeded one (1) year. All plumbing fixtures shall be listed on the application for permit. (11-14-84)

**012. -- 999. (RESERVED).**

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**07.02.03 - RULES GOVERNING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

In accordance with Section 54-2605(1), Idaho Code, the Idaho Plumbing Board shall make, promulgate, and publish such rules as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act in order to effectuate the purposes thereof and for the orderly and efficient administration thereof, and except as may be limited or prohibited by law and the provisions of this act, such rules so made and promulgated shall have the force of statute. (2-26-93)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 07.02.03, "Rules Governing Permit Fee Schedule," Division of Building Safety. These rules prescribe the criteria for fee schedules for plumbing permits. (2-26-93)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

This agency has no written interpretations of this chapter. (2-26-93)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

This chapter does not provide for administrative relief of the provisions outlined herein. (2-26-93)

**004. -- 010. (RESERVED).**

**011. FEE SCHEDULE.**

**01. New Residential - Single Family Dwelling.** Includes all buildings with plumbing systems being constructed on each property.

New Residential - Single-Family Dwelling		
Up to 1,500 Square feet of construction	-	\$130
1,501 to 2,500 Square feet of construction	-	\$195
2,501 to 3,500 Square feet of construction	-	\$260
3,501 to 4,500 Square feet of construction	-	\$325
Over 4,500 Square feet of construction	-	Use Subsection 011.04, Other Installations Including Industrial and Commercial

(3-26-08)

**02. New Residential - Multi-Family Dwellings.**

New Residential - Multi-Family Dwellings		
Duplex Apartment	-	\$260
Three (3) or more multi-family units	-	\$130 per Building plus \$65 per Unit

(3-26-08)

**03. Existing Residential.** Sixty-five dollars (\$65) plus ten dollars (\$10) for each additional plumbing

fixture being installed up to a maximum of the corresponding square footage of the residential building. (3-26-08)

**04. Other Installations Including Industrial and Commercial.** The inspection fees listed in this Section shall apply to any and all plumbing installations not specifically mentioned elsewhere in this schedule. The plumbing cost shall be the cost to the owner of all labor charges and all other costs that are incurred in order to complete the installation of any and all plumbing equipment and materials installed as part of the plumbing system. (3-26-08)

**a.** Plumbing system cost not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000): sixty dollars (\$60) plus two percent (2%) of the total plumbing system cost. (3-26-08)

**b.** Plumbing system cost over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), but not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000): two hundred sixty dollars (\$260) plus one percent (1%) of the plumbing system cost exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). (3-26-08)

**c.** Plumbing system cost over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000): one thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$1,160) plus one half of one percent (.5%) of the plumbing system cost exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). (3-26-08)

**d.** All fees calculated under this schedule must be calculated on the total plumbing cost of the job and this figure must be shown on the permit. (3-26-08)

**05. Requested Inspections.** A fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65) per hour or portion of an hour shall apply, with the requesting party responsible for all costs incurred in out-of-state travel. (3-26-08)

**06. Additional Fees and Re-Inspection Fees.** A fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65) per hour or portion of an hour shall apply to: (3-26-08)

**a.** Trips to inspect when: (3-26-08)

**i.** The submitter of the permit has given notice to the Division of Building Safety that the work is ready for inspection and it is not; or (3-26-08)

**ii.** If the submitter has not accurately identified the work location; or (3-26-08)

**iii.** If the inspector cannot gain access to make the inspection. (3-26-08)

**b.** Trips to inspect corrections required by the inspector as a result of the submitter improperly responding to a corrective notice. (3-26-08)

**c.** Each trip necessary to remove a red tag from the jobsite. (3-26-08)

**d.** When corrections have not been made in the prescribed time, unless an extension has been requested and granted. (3-26-08)

**e.** No permit - failure to post or send permit and required fee in the prescribed time will, at the discretion of the Division, result in the assessment of a double fee. (3-26-08)

**07. Plan Checking Fee.** Sixty-five dollars (\$65) per hour or portion thereof. (3-26-08)

**08. Mobile Homes.** Each connection or re-connection to existing sewer and water stubs shall be sixty-five dollars (\$65). (3-26-08)

**09. Mobile Home Parks and/or RV Parks.** Sewer and water service lines in mobile home parks and/or RV parks shall be classed as commercial. NOTE: This does not include or permit the connection of the mobile home. See IDAPA 07.02.03, Subsection 011.04. (7-11-89)

- 10. Residential.** Lawn sprinklers shall be sixty-five dollars (\$65). (3-26-08)
- 11. Water Conditioners.** Water conditioners shall be sixty-five dollars (\$65). (3-26-08)
- 12. Sewer and Water Permit Fees.** Residential sewer and water service line fees shall apply to all new construction, installations, and replacements. (3-30-06)
- a.** Sewer and water permit fees for excavators or property owners shall be assessed at the same rate as residential or nonresidential based on the classification of the construction project. (3-30-06)
- b.** Residential sewer and water service lines installation permit fees will be assessed at the rate of thirty-eight dollars (\$38) each or sixty-five dollars (\$65) for a combination of both if only one (1) inspection is required and the work is done by the same individual. (3-26-08)
- 13. Non-residential.** Lawn sprinkler permit fees shall be calculated at the same rate as industrial and commercial plumbing installations. (3-26-08)
- 14. Nonresidential Sewer and Water Service Lines Permit Fees.** If installed by someone other than the plumbing contractor of the building, fees shall be calculated at the same rate as industrial and commercial plumbing installations. (3-26-08)
- 15. Technical Service Fee.** Sixty-five dollars (\$65) per hour for each hour or portion thereof. (3-26-08)
- 16. Multipurpose Residential Fire Sprinkler and Domestic Water Supply System Fee.** The inspection fee for the installation of the fire sprinkler portion of a multipurpose residential fire sprinkler and domestic water supply system in a one- or two-family residence shall be a minimum of sixty-five dollars (\$65) or four dollars (\$4) per fire sprinkler head, whichever is greater. (3-26-08)
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**07.02.04 - RULES GOVERNING PLUMBING SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

In accordance with Section 54-2605(1), Idaho Code, the Idaho Plumbing Board shall make, promulgate, and publish such rules as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act in order to effectuate the purposes thereof and for the orderly and efficient administration thereof, and except as may be limited or prohibited by law and the provisions of this act, such rules so made and promulgated shall have the force of statute. (2-26-93)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 07.02.04, "Rules Governing Plumbing Safety Inspections," Division of Building Safety. These rules prescribe the criteria for the inspections of plumbing installations and additional requirements. (2-26-93)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

This agency has no written interpretations of this chapter. (2-26-93)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

The Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General, IDAPA 04.11.01, govern license revocation/suspension proceedings. (2-26-93)

**004. -- 010. (RESERVED).**

**011. REQUIRED INSPECTIONS.**

**01. Ground Work Inspection Tags.** Yellow: For ground work to be covered, with acceptance by the inspector. A yellow tag will be attached in a prominent location, preferably to vertical riser. (8-25-88)

**02. Rough-In Inspection Tags.** Green: For rough-in, prior to covering or concealing with acceptance by the inspector. A green tag will be attached to the sink waste pipe. (6-4-76)

**03. Final Inspection Tags.** Blue: For final, attached when the plumbing as specified on the permit is complete and conforms to the requirements of the code. (6-4-76)

**04. Inspection Tags for Unacceptable Plumbing.** Red: Not acceptable, and when attached to the plumbing system means that the plumbing is not acceptable and that corrections will be required. Also, a reinspection and reinspection fee shall be required. (6-4-76)

**012. REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO THE PLUMBING CODE.**

**01. Cross Connection Control Manual.** The "Cross Connection Control Manual" published by the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association (December, 1995 6th Edition) is hereby adopted as the standard for cross connection control and back flow prevention devices. (5-3-03)

**02. Jurisdiction/Septic Systems.** Septic tank and drain fields: Under the definition of a plumbing system as set forth in Section 54-2604(h), Idaho Code, the plumbing contractor's interest and responsibility ceases with the "connection" to the septic tank. (11-14-85)

**03. Waste Disposal.** The Department of Health and Welfare is the inspection authority on waste disposal. (6-4-76)

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**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

In accordance with Section 54-2605(1), Idaho Code, the Idaho Plumbing Board shall make, promulgate, and publish such rules as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act in order to effectuate the purposes thereof and for the orderly and efficient administration thereof, and except as may be limited or prohibited by law and the provisions of this act, such rules so made and promulgated shall have the force of statute. (2-26-93)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 07.02.05, "Rules Governing Plumbing Safety Licensing," Division of Building Safety. These rules prescribe the criteria for the issuance of licensing for plumbing installations. (2-26-93)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

This agency has written interpretations of this chapter in the form of legal memoranda. (2-26-93)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

The Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General, IDAPA 04.11.01, govern license revocation/suspension proceedings. (2-26-93)

**004. -- 010. (RESERVED).**

**011. APPRENTICE REGISTRATION.**

The minimum age for any apprentice shall be sixteen (16) years. All apprentices shall be registered with the division. The registration fee shall be as prescribed by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code. No examination is required. In order to maintain registration properly, an individual must be working at the trade under the constant on-the-job supervision of a journeyman and in the employ of a contractor. The apprentice must also be enrolled and active in an approved related training class for a total of four (4) years. Unless prior approval has been granted by the plumbing bureau, the apprentice must complete the required course work sequentially: year one (1) must be completed prior to beginning year two (2); year two (2) must be completed prior to beginning year three (3); and year three (3) must be completed prior to beginning year four (4). A minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) hours of classroom and/or other board approved instruction time per school year is required. A grade average of seventy percent (70%) must be maintained in these courses. Upon completion of apprenticeship training, the apprentice must obtain a certificate of completion, or a letter signed by the chairman of his apprenticeship committee, and attach the certificate or letter to his application for a journeyman license. In order to maintain registration, the apprentice shall renew his registration annually in the month of his initial registration. The renewal fee shall be as prescribed by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code. (4-6-05)

**012. JOURNEYMAN.**

**01. Qualifications for Journeyman Plumber.** An applicant for a journeyman plumber's license must have at least four (4) years experience as an apprentice making plumbing installations under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified journeyman plumber, as provided by Section 54-2611, Idaho Code. Pipe fitting will not be accepted as qualifications for a journeyman plumber's license. The first step in obtaining a journeyman certificate of competency is to submit an application for examination and license. The application must be accompanied by proof the applicant has completed the minimum of four (4) years experience in the trade as provided in IDAPA 07.02.05.011. Exhibition of a current license or photostatic copy of it from another jurisdiction may be accepted as proof of experience. The examination fee shall be as prescribed by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, and must accompany the application. (8-25-88)

**02. Examination.** The journeyman examination grade is based on (1) answers to written questions and (2) practical work performed on a job in progress after successful completion of the written work. Time allowed for the written examination is four (4) hours. A passing grade is required on the written examination. The practical work must pass with no violations. (8-25-88)

**013. PLUMBING CONTRACTOR.**

**01. Qualifications for Plumbing Contractor.** A plumbing contractor must be certified as competent by the board and the director of the department before he offers his service to the public. To obtain the certificate, he must first submit an acceptable application. The application must show, among other things, a provable minimum of two and one-half (2 1/2) years experience as a journeyman plumber either in the state of Idaho or another State. Such experience may be proven by the submission with the application of a photostatic copy of the license from another jurisdiction, which has been held for the required period of time. However, if the applicant is from a state which does not require or provide for formal journeyman licensing, then said experience may be proven by the submission of three (3) sworn affidavits from individuals attesting to the fact that the applicant has had at least two and one-half (2 1/2) years experience as a journeyman plumber. Applications which are incomplete in any detail will be returned as unacceptable. A compliance bond must also be on file in the department before an examination will be given. The examination fee shall be as prescribed by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, and must accompany the application.

(8-25-88)

**02. Restrictive Use of Contractor Certificate.** Any individual holding a contractor certificate and designated by a firm to represent that firm for licensing purposes shall represent one (1) firm only, and shall immediately notify the department in writing when his working arrangement with that firm has been terminated for purposes of becoming self-employed or affiliation with another firm, or for any other reason. A license holder cannot represent any other person or firm, self-employed or otherwise, than originally stated on his application for license. When a change is made, he is required to so inform the department. Otherwise, he is guilty of transferring his license in violation of Section 54-2610, Idaho Code, and is subject to license suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew under Section 54-2608, Idaho Code, or to prosecution under the provisions of Section 54-2628, Idaho Code.

(8-25-88)

**03. Previous Revocation.** Any applicant for a plumbing contractor's license who has previously had his plumbing contractor's license revoked for cause, as provided by Section 54-2608, Idaho Code, shall be considered as unfit and unqualified to receive a new plumbing contractor's license so long as such cause for revocation is continuing, and of such a nature that correction can be made by the applicant.

(11-14-85)

**04. Reviving an Expired License.** Any applicant for a plumbing contractor's license who has allowed his license to expire and seeks to revive it under the provisions of Section 54-2617, Idaho Code, may be denied a license as unfit and unqualified if, while operating under the license prior to expiration, he violated any of the laws, rules and/or regulations applicable to plumbing contractors, and such violation is continuing, and of such a nature that corrections can be made by the applicant.

(11-14-85)

**05. Effective Dates.** The effective dates of the compliance bond referred to in IDAPA 07.02.05.013.01 shall coincide with the effective dates of the contractor's license. Proof of renewal of the compliance bond must be on file with the Department before the contractor can renew or revive his license.

(4-6-05)

**06. Plumbing Contractor's Responsibility.** It shall be the responsibility of the plumbing contractor to ensure that all his employees working at the plumbing trade are licensed as provided by Idaho Code and these rules.

(8-25-88)

#### **014. APPLICATIONS.**

All applications for licenses shall be properly completed giving all pertinent information, and signatures shall be notarized. Applications for plumbing contractor's license shall be accompanied by a license fee in the amount prescribed by Section 54-2616, Idaho Code. An application for a journeyman license shall be accompanied by a license fee in the amount prescribed by Section 54-2616, Idaho Code, and an examination fee as provided by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code. An application for a license shall be submitted to the director of the department and shall be approved by an authorized representative of the department before any examination is given and before any license is issued. The provisions of this section shall not apply to renewal of licenses.

(11-14-85)

#### **015. EXAMINATIONS.**

**01. Examinations for Journeyman Plumber.** Written examinations for any journeyman plumber's license shall be formulated and approved by the board. Examination questions shall be based on the practical application of the Uniform Plumbing Code. No license shall be issued unless the applicant receives a final grade of

seventy-five percent (75%) or higher on the written examination and passes the practical portion with no violations. An applicant receiving a grade of less than seventy-five percent (75%) may apply for reexamination upon payment of the examination fee. An applicant has six (6) months to achieve a passing score. If an applicant does not achieve a passing score in six (6) months, the applicant must enroll in year four (4) in a Board-approved related training course, complete year four (4), be registered with the Plumbing Bureau as an apprentice, and maintain registration as per Section 011 before the applicant will be eligible to apply for examination. A completion certificate for year four (4) and the proper application fee must accompany a new application for a journeyman examination. (3-15-02)

**02. Frequency of Conducting of Examinations.** Examinations for all classifications under the Plumbing Laws and rules will be given a minimum of four (4) times each year in three (3) locations: One (1) to be in northern Idaho, one (1) to be in central Idaho, and one (1) to be in southern Idaho. (8-25-88)

**03. Professional Testing Services.** In lieu of the administration by the Idaho Plumbing Board of the examination for licenses pursuant to this rule, the Board may contract with a professional testing service to administer the examination, and require license applicants to pay to the testing service the fee that they have set for the examination and to take such examination at the time set by such service. If the examination is conducted in this fashion, the Board may charge and retain the application fee provided for by Section 54-2616, Idaho Code, to cover the cost of reviewing the applicant's application. (8-25-88)

**016. CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY -- ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, EXPIRATION, REVIVAL -- FEES.**

**01. Issuance.** Certificates of competency shall be issued in such a manner as to create a renewal date that coincides with the birthdate of the individual to whom the certificate is issued and allows for renewals every three (3) years. (4-6-05)

**a.** Certificates of competency shall be issued for a period of no less than one (1) year and no more than three (3) years. For example: a qualified applicant who applies for a certificate of competency in August of year one (1) but whose birthday will not occur until March of year two (2) shall be issued a certificate of competency renewable on the anniversary of the applicant's birthdate. (4-6-05)

**b.** The fee for issuance of certificates of competency shall be prorated based on the number of months for which it is issued. (4-6-05)

**02. Renewal.** Certificates of competency shall be renewed in such a manner as will achieve a staggered system of certificate renewal using the birthdate of the individual to whom the certificate is issued as the expiration date. (4-6-05)

**a.** Certificates of competency shall be renewed for a period of no less than one (1) year and no more than three years. (4-6-05)

**b.** The fee for renewal of certificates of competency shall be prorated based on the number of months for which it is issued. (4-6-05)

**03. Expiration - Revival.** (4-6-05)

**a.** Certificates that are not timely renewed will expire. (4-6-05)

**b.** A certificate that has expired may be revived within twelve (12) months of its expiration by submitting a completed application and paying the same fee as for an initial certificate and meeting all other certification requirements. (4-6-05)

**c.** Revived certificates shall be issued in such a manner as to create a renewal date that coincides with the birthdate of the applicant to achieve a staggered system of renewal. (4-6-05)

**017. SPECIALTY PLUMBING LICENSES.**

The purpose of this section is to set out the special types of plumbing installations for which a specialty license is



required; to set out the minimum experience requirements for such licenses; and to describe the procedure for securing such licenses. (8-25-88)

**01. Qualified Journeyman Plumbers.** Qualified journeyman plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(b), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (11-14-85)

**02. Minimum Experience Requirements.** (8-3-83)

**a.** Experience gained by an individual while engaged in the practice of mobile home hook-ups shall not be considered towards the satisfaction of the minimum experience requirements for licensing as a journeyman plumber. (8-3-83)

**b.** All installers shall be licensed and be in the employ of a licensed plumbing contractor or specialty contractor limited to this category. (8-3-83)

**03. Mobile Home Set-Up or Installers.** (8-25-88)

**a.** Any person qualifying for and having in his possession a current license in this category may make the proper connections of sewer and water to existing facilities on site. All material and workmanship shall comply with the requirements of the Uniform Plumbing Code. (8-3-83)

**b.** All installers shall be licensed and be in the employ of a licensed plumbing contractor or specialty contractor limited to this category. This specialty license does not permit any extension, alteration, or addition to the plumbing system within the mobile home or the installation of any underground plumbing outside the mobile home. (8-3-83)

**04. Applications for Specialty Licenses.** Applications for the above specialty licenses may be obtained from the Plumbing Division, Idaho Division of Building Safety. The forms shall be returned with the examination fee provided by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, with proof of the required two (2) years experience in the field of this specialty. (8-25-88)

**05. Examinations for Specialty Licenses.** Written examinations for specialty plumbing licenses shall be formulated from the practical application of the sections of the Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the Idaho Plumbing Board under Section 54-2601, Idaho Code. (11-14-85)

**06. Fees.** Fees for certificates shall be required in accordance with Section 54-2616, Idaho Code. (11-14-85)

**018. APPLIANCE PLUMBING SPECIALTY LICENSE.**

The purpose of this section is to set out the special types of plumbing installations for which an appliance plumbing specialty license is required; to set out the minimum experience requirements for such licenses; and to describe the procedure for securing such licenses. (7-1-99)

**01. Qualified Journeyman Plumbers.** Qualified journeyman plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(b), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (7-1-99)

**02. Qualified Apprentice Plumbers.** Qualified apprentice plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(c), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (7-1-99)

**03. Minimum Experience Requirements.** (7-1-99)

**a.** Experience gained by an individual while engaged in the practice of appliance plumbing specialty shall not be considered towards the satisfaction of the minimum experience requirements for licensing as a journeyman plumber. (7-1-99)

**b.** All qualified appliance plumbing specialty journeymen shall be licensed and be in the employ of a licensed plumbing contractor or specialty contractor limited to this category. (7-1-99)

**c.** Appliance plumbing specialty contractors must have a two thousand dollars (\$2,000) surety bond, thirty (30) months minimum journeyman experience, and successful completion of appliance plumbing specialty contractor's test. (7-1-99)

**d.** Appliance plumbing specialty journeymen must have eighteen (18) months apprentice on-the-job experience, satisfactory completion of seventy-two (72) hours of approved, related training classes and successful completion of the appliance plumbing specialty journeyman's test. (7-1-99)

**e.** Appliance plumbing specialty apprentices must be employed by a licensed contractor, under the supervision of a journeyman, be enrolled in or have completed approved related training classes and maintain state registration. (7-1-99)

**04. Special Grandfathering Provision.** (7-1-99)

**a.** Contractor: In lieu of the thirty (30) months minimum journeyman experience requirement, an individual may use five (5) years experience of owning and operating a business where this specialty applies AND satisfactory completion of seventy-two (72) hours of approved related training classes. For this purpose, a business is defined as an activity in which tax returns were required to be and have been filed for at least five (5) years. (7-1-99)

**b.** Journeyman: In lieu of the eighteen (18) months apprentice on-the-job experience requirement, an individual may use five (5) years experience working for a business where this specialty applies. For this purpose, working for a business is defined as being issued a W-2 earning form from a related business or businesses for at least five (5) years. (7-1-99)

**05. Applications for Specialty Licenses.** Applications for the above specialty licenses may be obtained from the Plumbing Bureau, Division of Building Safety. The forms shall be returned with the examination fee provided by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, with proof of the required experience in the field of this specialty. (7-1-99)

**06. Examinations for Specialty Licenses.** Written examinations for specialty plumbing licenses shall be formulated from the practical application of the sections of the Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the Idaho Plumbing Board under Section 54-2601, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**07. Fees.** Fees for certificates shall be required in accordance with Section 54-2616, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**08. Scope of Work Permitted.** Permitted to disconnect, cap, remove, and reinstall within sixty (60) inches of original location: water heating appliance, water treating or filtering devices; air or space temperature modifying equipment which involves potable water; humidifier; temperature and pressure relief valves; condensate drains and indirect drains in one (1) and two (2) family residences only. Does not include installation, testing, or certifying of backflow prevention devices. Does NOT include any modification to the drain, waste or vent systems. Must comply with all Idaho State Plumbing laws and rules and the requirements of the Uniform Plumbing Code. (7-1-99)

**019. WATER PUMP PLUMBING SPECIALTY LICENSE.**

The purpose of this section is to set out the special types of plumbing installations for which a water pump plumbing specialty license is required; to set out the minimum experience requirements for such licenses; and to describe the procedure for securing such licenses. (7-1-99)

**01. Qualified Journeyman Plumbers.** Qualified journeyman plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(b), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (7-1-99)

**02. Qualified Apprentice Plumbers.** Qualified apprentice plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(c), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (7-1-99)

**03. Minimum Experience Requirements.** (7-1-99)

**a.** Experience gained by an individual while engaged in the practice of water pump plumbing specialty shall not be considered towards the satisfaction of the minimum experience requirements for licensing as a journeyman plumber. (7-1-99)

**b.** All qualified water pump plumbing specialty journeymen shall be licensed and be in the employ of a licensed plumbing contractor or specialty contractor limited to this category. (7-1-99)

**c.** Water pump plumbing specialty contractors must have a two thousand dollars (\$2,000) surety bond, thirty (30) months minimum journeyman experience, and successful completion of water pump plumbing specialty contractor's test. (7-1-99)

**d.** Water pump specialty journeymen must have eighteen (18) months apprentice on-the-job experience, satisfactory completion of twelve (12) hours of approved, related training classes and successful completion of the water pump plumbing specialty journeyman's test. (7-1-99)

**e.** Water pump plumbing specialty apprentices must be employed by a licensed contractor, under the supervision of a journeyman, be enrolled in or have completed approved related training classes and maintain state registration. (7-1-99)

**04. Special Grandfathering Provision.** (7-1-99)

**a.** Contractor: In lieu of the thirty (30) month minimum journeyman experience requirement, an individual may use three (3) years experience of owning and operating a business where this specialty applies and satisfactory completion of twenty-four (24) hours of approved related training classes. For this purpose, a business is defined as an activity in which tax returns were required to be and have been filed for at least three (3) years. (7-1-99)

**b.** Journeyman: In lieu of the eighteen (18) months apprentice on-the-job experience requirement, an individual may use three (3) years experience working for a business where this specialty applies. For this purpose, working for a business is defined as being issued a W-2 earning form from a related business or businesses for at least three (3) years. (7-1-99)

**05. Applications for Specialty Licenses.** Applications for the above specialty licenses may be obtained from the Plumbing Bureau, Division of Building Safety. The forms shall be returned with the examination fee provided by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, with proof of the required experience in the field of this specialty. (7-1-99)

**06. Examinations for Specialty Licenses.** Written examinations for specialty plumbing licenses shall be formulated from the practical application of the sections of the Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the Idaho Plumbing Board under Section 54-2601, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**07. Fees.** Fees for certificates shall be required in accordance with Section 54-2616, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**08. Scope of Work Permitted.** Permitted to install and connect water service piping from pump to storage expansion pressure tank in one (1) and two (2) family residences only. Does not include installation, testing or certifying of backflow prevention devices. Must comply with all Idaho State Plumbing laws and rules and the requirements of the Uniform Plumbing Code. (7-1-99)

**020. -- 999. (RESERVED).**

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**07.02.06 - RULES CONCERNING UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

In accordance with Section 54-2605(1), Idaho Code, the Idaho Plumbing Board shall make, promulgate, and publish such rules as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act in order to effectuate the purposes thereof and for the orderly and efficient administration thereof, and except as may be limited or prohibited by law and the provisions of this act, such rules so made and promulgated shall have the force of statute. (2-26-93)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 07.02.06, "Rules Concerning Uniform Plumbing Code," Division of Building Safety. These rules prescribe the use of the Uniform Plumbing Code. (2-26-93)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

This agency has no written interpretations of this chapter. (2-26-93)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

This chapter does not provide for administrative relief of the provisions contained herein. (2-26-93)

**004. -- 010. (RESERVED).**

**011. ADOPTION AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF THE 2003 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE.**

The 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code, including Appendices "A, B, D, E, G, H, I, J, and L," (herein U.P.C.) is adopted and incorporated by reference with the following amendments. The 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code is available at the Division of Building Safety, 1090 E. Watertower St., Meridian, Idaho 83642; and at the Division of Building Safety, 1250 Ironwood Dr., Ste. 220, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814. (4-6-05)

**01. Section 218.** Delete definition of "Plumbing System." Incorporate definition of "Plumbing System" as set forth in Section 54-2604, Idaho Code. (3-15-02)

**02. Section 316.1.6.** PVC DWV may be joined by the use of one-step solvent cement listed or labeled per U.P.C. Section 301.1.1. (4-6-05)

**03. Section 420.0.** Pressure balance or thermostatic mixing valves are not required for high flow (over eight (8) g.p.m.) tub filler valves with hand shower sets attached. (3-15-02)

**04. Section 421.0.** Delete. (4-6-05)

**05. Section 604.1. Materials.** Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing manufactured to ASTM – F876/F877 and tested, approved, and listed to ANSI/NSF 14 and 61, for potable water along with all applicable installation standards may be used for hot and cold water distribution systems within a building or cold water distribution systems outside of a building. Listed PE (polyethylene) water service and yard piping may be installed within a building (above ground and below ground) with one (1) joint, provided that only listed and approved metallic transition fittings shall be used. (4-6-05)

**06. Section 609.4.** Testing. Deleting the phrase "Except for plastic piping," at the beginning of the third sentence and add the following sentence at the end of the section: Plastic piping is to be tested in accordance with manufacturer's installation standards. (4-6-05)

**07. Section 609.10.** Water hammer. Does not apply to residential construction. (7-1-98)

**08. Table 6-4 and Table A-2.** Change fixture unit loading value for bathtub or combination bath/shower, and clotheswashers to two (2) fixture units. (3-15-02)

**09. Section 610.2.** All new one (1) and two (2) family residences must have a pre-plumbed water softener loop. The kitchen sink must have one (1) hot soft line and one (1) cold soft line and one (1) cold hard line. Exterior cold hose bibbs intended for irrigation purposes must be piped with hard water. (3-30-07)

**10. Section 611.4.** Sizing of Residential Softeners. Amend Footnote 3 to read: Over four (4) bathroom groups, softeners shall be sized according to the manufacturer's standards. (4-6-05)

**11. Table 7-3.** Maximum unit loading and maximum length of drainage and vent piping. (EXCEPTION) The building drain and building sewer is not less than four (4) inches extending from its connection with the city or private sewer system and shall run full size to inside the foundation or building lines (ref: Section 717.0). Change fixture unit loading value for clotheswashers, domestic to two (2) fixture units. (3-15-02)

**12. Section 703.1 - Underground Drainage and Vent Piping.** No portion of the drainage or vent system installed underground, underground under concrete or below a basement or cellar shall be less than two (2) inches in diameter. (3-15-02)

**13. Section 703.2 and 710.5. Add Exception.** In single family dwellings, one (1) fixture unit may be allowed for each gallon per minute of flow from a pump or a sump ejector. (3-15-02)

**14. Section 704.2.** Two inch (2") and smaller double sanitary tees may be used for back to back or side by side fixture trap arms without increasing the barrel size. (4-6-05)

**15. Section 704.3.** Delete. (5-3-03)

**16. Table 7-5.** Change fixture unit loading value for one and a half (1 1/2) inch horizontal drainage to two (2) fixture units. (7-1-98)

**17. Section 707.4 Cleanouts.** A full-sized accessible cleanout shall be installed in the vertical immediately above the floor or at the base of each waste or soil stack. A full-size cleanout extending to or above finished grade line shall be installed at the junction of the building drain and the building sewer (ref.: Section 719.1). Cleanouts shall be installed at fifty (50) foot intervals in horizontal drain lines two (2) inches or smaller. (3-15-02)

**18. Section 712.1.** In the first sentence, delete the phrase "except that plastic pipe shall not be tested with air." (4-6-05)

**19. Section 801.2.3.** Add: Food preparation sinks, pot sinks, scullery sinks, dishwashing sinks, silverware sinks, commercial dishwashing machines, silverware-washing machines, steam kettles, potato peelers, ice cream dipper wells, and other similar equipment and fixtures must be indirectly connected to the drainage system by means of an air gap. The piping from the equipment to the receptor must not be smaller than the drain on the unit, but it must not be smaller than one (1) inch (twenty-five point four (25.4) mm). (5-3-03)

**20. Section 801.4. Drains.** Provisions must be made for the discharge of the water softener to terminate in an approved location. The drain line for a water softener must be three-fourths inch (¾") minimum. A washer box with a dual outlet is an approved location as long as it is on the same floor or one (1) floor below the softener unit and the water softener drain line is a minimum three-fourths inch (¾"). (3-30-07)

**21. Section 807.4.** A domestic dishwashing machine may be installed without the use of an airgap if the drain hose is looped to the bottom side of the counter top and secured properly. (3-15-02)

**22. Section 906.1.** Delete the existing provision and replace with the following: (4-2-08)

**a.** Roof venting. When conventional roof venting is utilized, each vent pipe or stack shall extend through its flashing and shall terminate vertically not less than six (6) inches (152 mm) above the roof nor less than one (1) foot (305 mm) from any vertical surface. (4-2-08)

**b.** Sidewall venting. When sidewall venting is utilized, the vent shall extend flush with the eaves/gable end, shall turn down using a ninety (90) degree ell, and shall terminate as close to the roof peak as possible. The

vent end must be properly screened. Sidewall venting is acceptable on new or remodel construction on cabins, log homes, and residential or commercial buildings. (4-2-08)

- c.** Sidewall venting must meet the intent of Section 906.2 of the UPC. (4-2-08)

**23. Section 908. Exception - Vertical Wet Venting.** A horizontal wet vent may be created provided it is created in a vertical position and all other requirements of Section 908 are met. (7-1-98)

- 24. Section 909.0.** Add: Parameters for the limited use of Air Admittance Valves (A.A.V.). (4-2-08)

- a.** An A.A.V. may be used only in residential buildings. (4-2-08)

- b.** In remodels, an A.A.V. may be used with island fixtures or remotely located sinks such as in bar, kitchen, or laundry tray locations. An A.A.V. shall not be used in bathroom groups. (4-2-08)

- c.** In new construction, an A.A.V. may be used on island fixture sinks. (4-2-08)

- d.** Each A.A.V. may be used to vent only one (1) floor. (4-2-08)

- e.** Each A.A.V. must be readily accessible. (4-2-08)

- f.** The cross-sectional area of venting must remain the same and must meet the largest required building drain. (4-2-08)

- g.** An A.A.V. shall only be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation standards as per ASSE 1051. (4-2-08)

- h.** An A.A.V. may not be used in an attic, crawl space, outside installation, or in connection with chemical or acid waste systems. (4-2-08)

**25. Section 1002.3.** Trap arms may not exceed one hundred eighty (180) degrees of horizontal turn without the use of a cleanout. (3-15-02)

**012. -- 999. (RESERVED).**



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**IDAPA 07  
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**07.02.07 - RULES GOVERNING CIVIL PENALTIES**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

The Idaho Plumbing Board is authorized under Section 54-2606(3)(e), Idaho Code, to establish by administrative rule the civil penalty to be paid for citations issued. (3-24-05)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 07.02.07, "Rules Governing Civil Penalties," Division of Building Safety. (3-24-05)

**02. Scope.** These rules establish the criteria and amount of civil penalties to be levied for violations of Title 54, Chapter 26, Idaho Code and IDAPA 07.02.07, "Rules Governing Civil Penalties," Division of Building Safety. (3-24-05)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

This agency has no written interpretations of this chapter. (3-24-05)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

Upon notice of a civil penalty, the notified party shall within ten (10) days comply with the penalty or file a written request for a hearing for appeal with the Idaho Plumbing Board. Bond in the amount of the penalty shall accompany the request for hearing. (3-24-05)

**004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.**

There are no documents that have been incorporated by reference into this rule. (3-24-05)

**005. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS.**

The principal place of business of the Division of Building Safety, Plumbing Bureau is in Meridian, Idaho. The office is located at 1090 E. Watertower Street, Meridian, Idaho and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays. The mailing address is: Division of Building Safety, 1090 E. Watertower Street, Meridian, Idaho 83642. (3-24-05)

**006. -- 010. (RESERVED).**

**011. CIVIL PENALTIES.**

The following acts shall subject the violator to penalties based on the following schedule. (3-24-05)

**01. Plumbing Contractor.** Except as provided by Section 54-2602, Idaho Code, any person who acts, or purports to act as a plumbing contractor, as defined by Section 54-2611(a), Idaho Code, without a valid Idaho state certificate of competency authorizing him to do so shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for the first offense and a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense thereafter. (3-24-05)

**02. Certification or Registration.** Except as provided by Section 54-2602, Idaho Code, any person performing plumbing as defined in Section 54-2603, Idaho Code without an appropriate certificate of competency or registration shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense and a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense thereafter. (3-24-05)

**03. Performance Outside Scope of Certificate.** Any specialty contractor or specialty journeyman performing plumbing installations, alterations or maintenance outside the scope of the specialty certificate of competency shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense and a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense thereafter. (3-24-05)

**04. Fees, Permits and Inspections.** Any person, other than a person who holds a valid Idaho state

plumbing contractor's certificate of competency, failing to pay applicable fees, or properly post a plumbing permit, or to request an inspection of all pipes, fittings, valves, vents, fixtures, appliances, appurtenances, and water treatment installations and repairs shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense and a civil penalty of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) for each offense thereafter. (4-2-08)

**05. Corrections.** Any person, other than a person who holds a valid Idaho state plumbing contractor's certificate of competency, who fails to make corrections in the time allotted in the notice on any plumbing installation as set forth in Section 54-2625, Idaho Code, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense and a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense thereafter. (4-2-08)

**06. Gross Violation.** In the case of continued, repeated or gross violation of Title 54, Chapter 26, Idaho Code or IDAPA 07.02, disciplinary action shall be initiated against certificate holders under this chapter or the matter shall be referred for prosecution. (3-24-05)

**07. Judicial Review.** Any party aggrieved by the final action of the Board shall be entitled to a judicial review thereof in accordance with the provisions of Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code. (3-24-05)

**012. -- 999. (RESERVED).**

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